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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 and further to the Examiner's instructions conveyed by teleconference on January 5, 2010. The items listed on the attached Substitute Form PTO-1449 were originally submitted in the Information Disclosure Citation forms (IDC) as follows:

Item No.	Date of IDC	Document as Listed	Description
1.	02/24/2004	6,183,353 (2/6/2001) Frantzen	United States Patent
2.	02/24/2004	"European Search Report dated December 2, 2003"	Search Report for EP 01 125 340.8-2310 dated 12/02/2003
3.	05/10/2004	"Patent Act 1977: Search Report under Section 17"	Search Report for GB 04 02 849.4 dated 04/08/2004
4.	11/02/2004	"Partial European Search Report"	Search Report for EP 01 125 341.6-1257 dated 10/25/2001
5.	04/04/2005	"Supplementary European Search Report"	Search Report for EP 02 767 765.7-1257 dated 03/15/2005

The Examiner did not initial the above-cited references on the previously submitted IDC forms. Accordingly, the Examiner has requested that the applicant resubmit an IDC listing the above-cited references for his immediate consideration.

Copies of non-US patent items 2-5 were submitted with the respective IDC as listed above and are currently located in the electronic database. For expediency purposes only, the non-US patent references are resubmitted herewith to assist the Examiner. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial each reference as having been considered and return a copy of the enclosed Substitute Form PTO-1449 to the undersigned.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that the information cited is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b). Applicant reserves the right to establish that any information cited is not "prior art" and that the date of publication indicated for a cited item is in fact different than that which is indicated. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider the items and to independently ascertain their teaching(s).


Pursuant to a telephone conference with the undersigned and the undersigned's associate Mr. John Halski, the Examiner agreed that because the references were previously submitted, no fee is due.

AUTHORIZATIONS

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed in payment of the fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(h) and 1.17(p).
- ☐ Charge the fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(h) and 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. **50-4387**, Order No. _____.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Information Disclosure Statement, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **50-4387**, Order No. _____.

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